He *permits* people to be sick but he never was the author of it. In any instance where God is spoken of as afflicting his people the word, used in the original language has the meaning of permits. This makes the word of God perfectly consistent with what we would think God to be—a God of love. God *can* and *is willing* to heal all who come to him aright. God is pure and good and surely nothing impure and vile can come from him. You cannot get bitter water out of a sweet fountain. God sent Christ into the world to destroy the works of the devil, (1 John iii, 8) and he healed every sickness and every disease, (Matt. iv, 23) and all these diseases are of the devil. (Acts x, 38); then just imagine Christ trying to heal the sick and God sending the sickness—one working against the other. Christ says: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. xxviii, 20. Jesus is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. Heb. xiii, 8. If Jesus is the same and is with us now, then he can and is willing to heal us now. "Ask and ye *shall* receive." "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." "The prayer of faith shall save the sick."

The Doctor denounces Christian Science as the works of the devil and he will not permit one of its members to speak in his meeting.

We rejoice and praise God for the work he has done through his servant, Brother Haskins, in the Ashland City church. Can you not see, dear sister that when God's children come to Him in sincerity and truth that He does hear and answer prayer? I know your hearts are all rejoicing and praising God for the souls that were brought to the light and also for the spirit of love which has entered into the hearts of the members. It was a source of great regret to us that we could not remain and help along the work as well as enjoy it. But God knew the work would go all right, as it certainly did, without us and he has led us into paths which we hope will qualify us to do better work when we return.

We cannot tell just when we shall return. We shall not leave till our boy is released from that dreadful tumor. He is in good spirits; eats, and sleeps well, and is free from pain but he *very* poor and weak. He has not taken a drop of medicine for over three weeks; but about one week after we quit medicine, a bloody pus of the vilest character began to come from him. This we think is the tumor breaking from the core.

ETTA HARRISON.

It is a matter of very little importance what you think of Christ, but it is of great moment what he thinks of you.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Sadie Gibbons will make her home at 905 South St., Waterloo, Iowa, during the summer and fall. Her correspondents will address her there, instead of Independence, Kansas.

It was a great disappointment to us not to be able to meet the trustees and Dr. Garst at Ashland last week, but the duty of remaining with our sick child was plain and imperative.

Bro. W. L. Spanogle has been called to take charge of the McKee church which he organized nine years ago. This is a high compliment to both pastor and church. We would like to see the practice more common. While we think ministers should be like good money—circulating—we know that the same bills frequently find their way back to the same vaults; but counterfeits never do.

Prof. J. H. Hall of Harrisonburg, Va., who is associated with the Reubush and Kiefer music publishing house of Dayton, Va., made us a call last week before leaving this city (Chicago) where he has been for the month past doing some work in his profession. Although we have met but few of our Virginia brethren we feel that nowhere have we warmer hearted friends than in "Old Dominion", and we are very anxious to meet them all face to face.

Master Homer is much delighted with the gifts received from Brethren Bickly and Hall last week. Just before coming to Chicago he received a monster naval orange packed and sent by Bro. H. R. Holsinger. He wrote a letter for the EVAGELIST acknowledging this kindness of Brother Holsinger, but unfortunately through an oversight of ours it did not find its way to the intended destination. Although the devil has well nigh destroyed our dear child's body he has not yet touched his mind, and he talks much of those who have been kind to him in the past. A short letter of cheer from the little folks who know his sickness would light up what is to him a city prison. He longs to get out into the country where there are green fields, flowers and birds, and children with whom he could play. Write and tell him about these things, and Jesus who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my disciples, ye have done it unto me," will record the act.

Brethren S. B. Bickly, of Waterloo, Iowa, E. E. Haskins of Ashland, Ohio, and S. M. Minnick now of Evanston, Ill., were all callers on the EVANGELIST family last week. Brother Bickly is the first person we have seen from Waterloo since we left his state. No one who lives in the Blackhawk country church long enough to get acquainted that does right can leave without straining chords of friendship that will last with eternity. One of the sweetest experiences we can have in this life is to meet our brothers and sisters with whom we have once had close and pleasant relations. Ashland is now our home, and we have been so eager to hear from there. What could have been a more pleasant surprise than to have Bro. Haskins come direct from there here. For the time it seemed like being set right down in the midst of the church and friends there. The brethren there have been very considerate of us, and have written us almost daily the status of affairs, and yet it seemed long to wait even from one mail to the next.

Last week's paper brought incouraging news. Many conversions. God bless Bro. Haskins at Ashland, and the good work everywhere.

We are much more interested to know what the Bible says of our present, past and future than to know the past, present and future of the Bible.

Bro. C. Forney, says, "I am not only much pleased with the new form of the EVANGELIST but more so with your editorials. They speak out boldly especially on matters of a doctrinal character, so that people may know what we believe and practice, and why we do so.

While visiting at the house of Bro. M. M. Eshelman in California last summer, Homer wanted Bro. E. to give him a certain peach tree in his orchard. This Bro. E. said he would do, and now writes that the tree is full of fruit, and that it is Homer's. When Homer gets well enough Bro. E., he will express his thanks to you and make request as to the disposition of the fruit.

The article by Bro. Cassel headed "Consecration," in last EVANGELIST in some way unknown to us got into our columns without its having been seen by the editor. We say this because our own article in the same number is so nearly parallel to it on the importance of con*cen*tration that it might seem as if we wrote ours after reading his. However we do not agree with Bro. Cassel in the matter of conference adopting rules for the protection and control of the editor. We believe that in order to *concentrate* we must have unity of sentiment, which is possible only on the ground that in the things which it is proposed to cooperate in that we "all speak the same things". Again, in matters of providence it seems to us it is much better that the discretion of the church, which supports the paper and keeps it in existence, should prevail than that *one man* who happened to be editor should reign as the emperor of faith and doctrine in the church.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The title to Bro. J. C. Cassel's article last week, should have been "Concentration." The smile is on us for not reading correctly.

Two more were added to the Ashland church since last week. One was a man of ripe years and the other a young sister.

Bro. Haskins returned from his tour last week, and preached two very energetic sermons Lord's day. He is filled with new confidence that Jesus is the Saviour of the whole man; and that the prayer of faith will heal the sick.

We are willing to make any repentance Bro. Keim wishes for making public the fact that he has been the instrument of healing others. It became a matter of news here and we wrote about it. But we do not believe it can be Brother Keim, himself, but the power of God in some way through him, and therefore God should be praised and the light allowed to shine.

A. L. GARBER.